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Our mission is to enable Iowa's students who are blind or visually impaired to function as independently as possible in all aspects of life by providing appropriate educational opportunities, resources, and support services.

Board of Regents, State of Iowa School

IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Serving 515 students statewide from birth through age twenty-one

Children and youth who are blind, visually impaired and with additional disabilities

Services provided in partnership with Area Education Agencies, Local Education Agencies, Iowa Department for the Blind and Iowa Department of Education

Focus on increasing student achievement through core educational programs

- Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP)
- Individualized Education Programs (IEP)
- Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC); Assistive technology, Career education, Compensatory skills, Independent living skills, Orientation and mobility, Recreation/Leisure, Self-determination, Social interaction, Sensory efficiency skills

Focus on student achievement

- Increase in Braille skill acquisition
- Increase in achievement in literacy
- Increase in achievement in mathematics
- Increase independent in areas of the expanded core curriculum
- Improved outcomes through effective transition
- Improved outcomes for early childhood indicators

Services offered

- Instructional services from Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility Specialist
- Consultation services in literacy, mathematics, science, assistive technology, transition, deafblind, additional disabilities and family services
- Regional services in the nine areas of the expanded core curriculum
- Assistive technology demonstration and trial services
- Technical assistance with a focus on professional development

Appropriation request

5% increase based on need to intensify services statewide
2010-2011 – nearly 30% reduction in state appropriations
Current appropriation is \$3,623,805



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